GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3923
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ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE
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Will the Minister of PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the administrative structure has been expanded during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details of expansion in the administrative structure made during 1997-98, 1998-99 and 1999-2000 alongwith the names of the posts;

(c) the number of posts of Cabinet level Ministers, Secretaries, Additional Secretaries, Deputy Secretaries and Assistant-Secretaries created during 1997-98,1998-99 and 1999-2000 till date; and

(d) the additional expenditure on account of creating the above said additional posts in these years?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCES IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS

(SHRI ARUN SHOURIE)

(a),(b),(c)&(d) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.
STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a),(b),(c) & (d) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO FOR ANSWER ON 19 APRIL, 2000

The number of sanctioned (civilian) posts in the Central Governmentas on 31 March, 1996, 31 March, 1997 and 31 March, 1998 was 42.18 lakhs, 42.18 lakhs and 41.93 lakhs respectively. There was a marginal decrease of the order of about 25,000 in the number of sanctioned posts as on 31 March, 1998 compared to 31 March, 1996. Against the above mentioned sanctioned strength, the actual number of employees in position was 38.93 lakhs on 31 March, 1996, 38.95 lakhs on 31 March, 1997 and 38.47 lakhs on 31 March, 1998.
2. The number of Cabinet Ministers during 1997-98, 1998-99 and 1999-2000 was 22, 22 and 29 respectively. During 1997-98, the number had increased by 1 over the previous year (i.e. 1996-97). There was no increase during 1998-99. The number increased by 7 during 1999-2000. Thus the overall increase in the number of Cabinet Ministers during 1997-98, 1998-99 and 1999-2000 was 8.
3. The requisite information with respect to increase in the number of officers serving at the Centre on the posts of Secretary, Additional Secretary, Joint Secretary, Director and Deputy Secretary or equivalent level posts on tenure basis, and the Central Secretariat Officers for whom tenure rules are not applicable, during the years 1997-98, 1998-99 and 1999-2000 has been given in the following Table :

TABLE

Post	As on 1.4.97	1.4.98	1.4.99	1.4.2000
Secretary	110(38)	116(37)	137(47)	149(49)
Addl.Secretary	98(42)	106(52)	106(53)	103(47)
Joint Secretary	368(152)	400(182)	438(221)	454(232)
Director	399(96)	462(122)	477(140)	531(183)
Dy.Secretary	396(118)	411(127)	395(133)	455(159)
Total	1371(446)	1495(520)	1553(594)	1692(670)

Note: Figures in brackets indicate equivalent level posts and are included in the total.

The information given in the above Table is exclusive of the number of posts of the level of Secretary, Additional Secretary, Joint Secretary, Director and DeputySecretary in respect of various Organised Group `A` Services/Cadres which are administeredby the respective Ministry/Department and with respect to which the required information in this regard is not centrally available.

4. The additional expenditure on account of increase in the number of Cabinet Ministers during the years 1997-98, 1998-99 and 1999-2000 on account of pay and allowances was approximately Rs.3 lakhs, Niland Rs.21 lakhs respectively. The overall additional expenditure on account of increase in the number of posts of the level of Secretary, Additional Secretary, Joint Secretary, Director and Deputy Secretary (mentioned in the Table above) during the years 1997-98, 1998-99 and 1999-2000 was approximately Rs.2.70 crores, Rs.1.59 crores and Rs.2.81 crores respectively.